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IN ACCORDANCE AITH PROCEDURES SKETCHED OUT REFTELS, MILITARY SPOKESMAN SURFACED STATEMENT ABOUT COMBAT ROLE U.S. TROOPS DURING REGULAR MONTHLY REVIEW MILITARY SITUATION. IN REPLY TO PLANTED QUESTION, GENERAL DEPUY MADE STATEMENT QUOTED BY REUTERS AND DOUBTLESS OTHER WIRE SERVICES AS WELL.

FOR FULL TEXT DEPUY SEE MACOI 18005 SUPPLEMENTAL PRESS TRENDS 1438-65 JUNE 4. VIEW LOCAL MISSION THIS ANNOUNCEMENT PLUS FACT LOCAL NEWSMEN REGARD GRADUAL PASSAGE U.S. FORCES TO COMBAT

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ROLE NATURAL, FORMAL GVN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD SEEM ARTIFICIAL AT THIS STAGE AND CALL UNDUE ATTENTION THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE PLAN REPLY ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS BY SAYING U.S./GVN WILL JOINTLY WORK OUT TIMING, DETAILS U.S. FORCES COMBAT SUPPORT ROLE. FORMAL GVN REQUEST FOR USE OF U.S. FORCES IN COMBAT MISSION SHOULD, WE FEEL, COME CLOSER TO THE ACTUAL EVENT.

GP-3. TAYLOR.
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